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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF :
DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST :
 : FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
ROWENA C. SMITH, :
RESPONDENT. : *ORDER 0000 697*

Division of Enforcement Case # 10 NUR 597

The parties to this action for the purposes of Wis. Stat. § 227.53 are:

Rowena C. Smith
568 Sierra Morena Dr.
Las Vegas, NV 89144

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P.O. Box 8935
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Board of Nursing
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PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The parties in this matter agree to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation as the final decision of this matter, subject to the approval of the Board of Nursing. The Board has reviewed the attached Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Board in this matter adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Rowena C. Smith, (D.O.B. 9/19/1960) was formerly licensed as a registered nurse in the State of Wisconsin (license # 30-133993). This license was first granted on 1/3/2000, and expired on 2/29/2008. Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 440.08, Respondent may renew her license upon payment of a fee until 2/28/2013.

2. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Board of Nursing is 568 Sierra Morena Dr. Las Vegas, NV 89144.

3. On January 4, 2009, while employed at Saint Rose Dominican Hospital in Las Vegas, Nevada, Respondent was on duty with 2 ICU level patients assigned to her care. Without permission or notice, Respondent left the ICU unit and left hospital grounds.

4. On November 13, 2009, the Nevada State Board of Nursing REPRIMANDED Respondent for unprofessional conduct, and LIMITED her license as follows:

- a. Respondent shall take and successfully complete 30 hours of continuing education on legal ethics in nursing, approved by the Board, and the Nevada Nurse Practice Act course.
- b. Respondent shall submit verification of completion of the required courses within 3 months of the date of the Order.
- c. Respondent shall pay the fees and costs involved with the matter.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Wisconsin Board of Nursing has jurisdiction to act in this matter, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 441.07, and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation and Order, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).

2. The conduct described in paragraphs 3 and 4 above constitutes a violation of Wisconsin Administrative Code §§ N 7.03(1) and N 7.04(7), and subjects Respondent to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 441.07(1)(c) and (d).

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED:

1. The SURRENDER of Rowena C. Smith of her right to renew her license to practice nursing in Wisconsin upon payment of a fee is hereby accepted.

2. The SURRENDER of Rowena C. Smith of her privilege to practice nursing in the State of Wisconsin under another state license pursuant to the Nurse Licensure Compact is hereby accepted.

3. In the event that Respondent re-applies for licensure as a nurse in Wisconsin the future, the Board may limit that license to address the findings of fact based upon this


stipulation, without further notice or hearing, and Respondent hereby expressly waives all rights to a hearing on any such limitation.

4. Respondent shall, within ninety (90) days from the date of this Order, pay costs of this proceeding in the amount of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00). Payment shall be made payable to the Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing, and mailed to:

Department Monitor
Division of Enforcement
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5. This Order is effective on the date of its signing.

Board of Nursing

By: 
A Member of the Board

2-24-11
Date